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C/007/0038 Incoming

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Mr. Daron Haddock
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Re: Request to Discontinue Quarterly Inspections of Schoolhouse Canyon Refuse Pile, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/0038, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is herewith requesting the Divisions concurrence to discontinue the quarterly engineering inspections and certified reports related to the Willow Creek Mine, Schoolhouse Canyon Refuse Pile.

The R645 Rules related to inspections of refuse piles can be found in R645-301-514.200.

R645-301-514-210 states, "Regular inspections by the engineer or specialist will also be conducted during placement and compaction of coal mine waste materials. More frequent inspections will be conducted if a danger or harm exists to the public health and safety or the environment. Inspections will continue until the refuse pile has been finally graded and revegetated or until a later time as required by the Division."

The Schoolhouse Canyon Refuse Pile was reclaimed and reseeded in the spring of 2004. Phase I bond release was granted in the fall of 2006. The year-four vegetation study was conducted by Mt. Nebo Scientific, Inc. in 2008 and was provided to the Division in the 2008 Annual Report. The vegetation study shows the refuse pile meets or exceeds the requirements for revegetation success.

R645-301-514.230 states, "The qualified registered professional engineer will provide a certified report to the Division promptly after each inspection that the refuse pile has been constructed and maintained as designed and in accordance with the approved plan and R645 Rules. The report will include appearances of instability, structural weakness, and other hazardous conditions."

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Quarterly inspections of the refuse pile have continued since reclamation was completed over six years ago. These certified inspections have been provided to the Division in each of the Annual Reports and made available to the Division inspectors on a quarterly basis. During this six year period since reclamation and reseeding was completed there has not been any appearances of instability, structural weakness or other hazardous condition.

PMC feels that it has met and exceeded the requirements of R645-301-514.200 and hereby requests the concurrence of the Division to discontinue the quarterly inspections and certified reports on the Willow Creek Mine, Schoolhouse Canyon Refuse Pile. The inspection and certified report for the third quarter of 2010 will be the final such inspection and report unless the PMC is notified to the contrary by the Division. PMC will continue to monitor the Schoolhouse Canyon Refuse Pile as part of the ongoing reclamation monitoring process through phase III bond release and if any appearances of instability, structural weakness or other hazardous condition are found PMC will immediately notify the Division.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Ware', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Dennis N. Ware
Controller and Administrative Manager

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